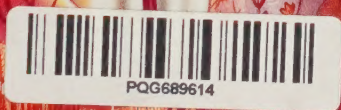
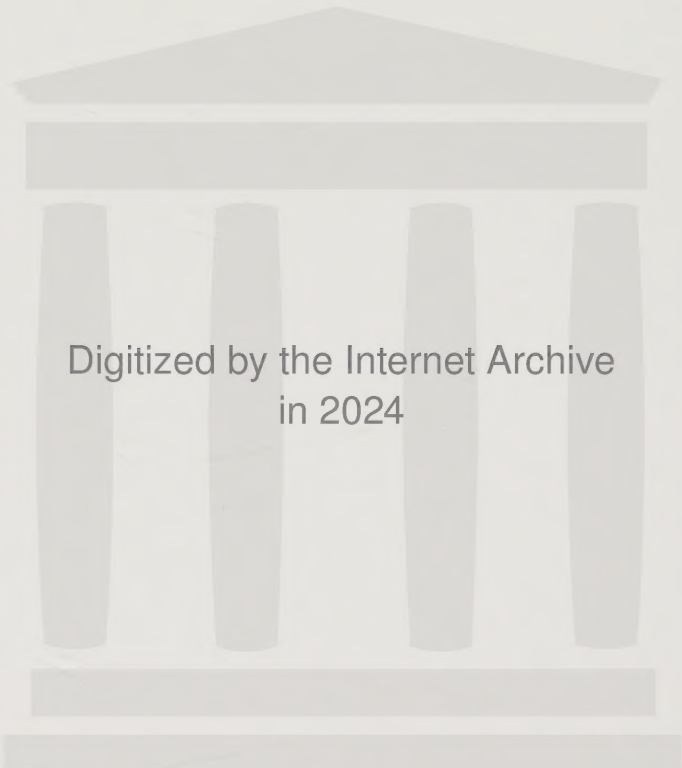


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WORDS TO KNOW

cure—to make someone better

lonely—to feel sad from missing other people

promise—to say that you will do something in
the future

protect—to keep safe

rapunzel—a wild lettucelike herb that people
once gathered

CAST OF CHARACTERS



A **husband** and **wife** live together in the woods. The wife is pregnant and craves the herb rapunzel.



A **witch** lives next door. She has always wanted a child for herself.



Rapunzel grows up alone in a tower.



The **prince** is looking for a princess.

HOW TO READ A GRAPHIC NOVEL

Graphic novels are easy to read. Boxes called panels show you how to follow the story. Look at the panels from left to right and top to bottom.

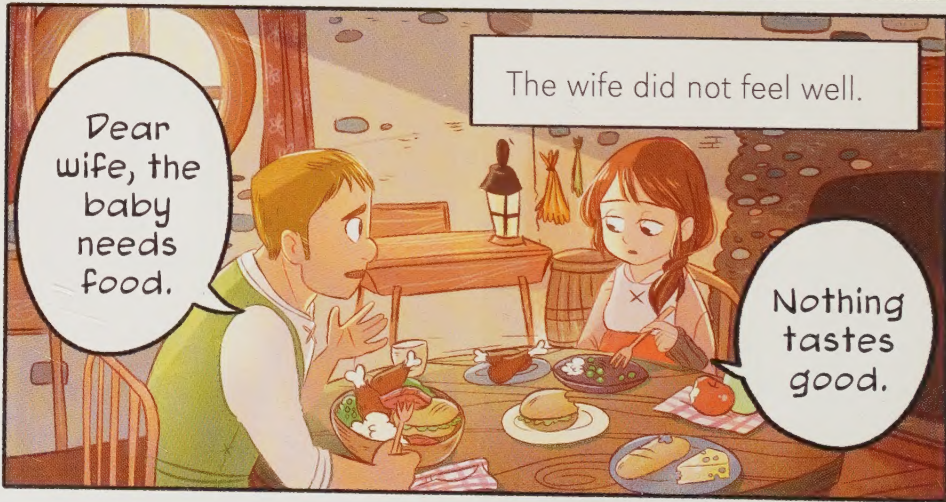
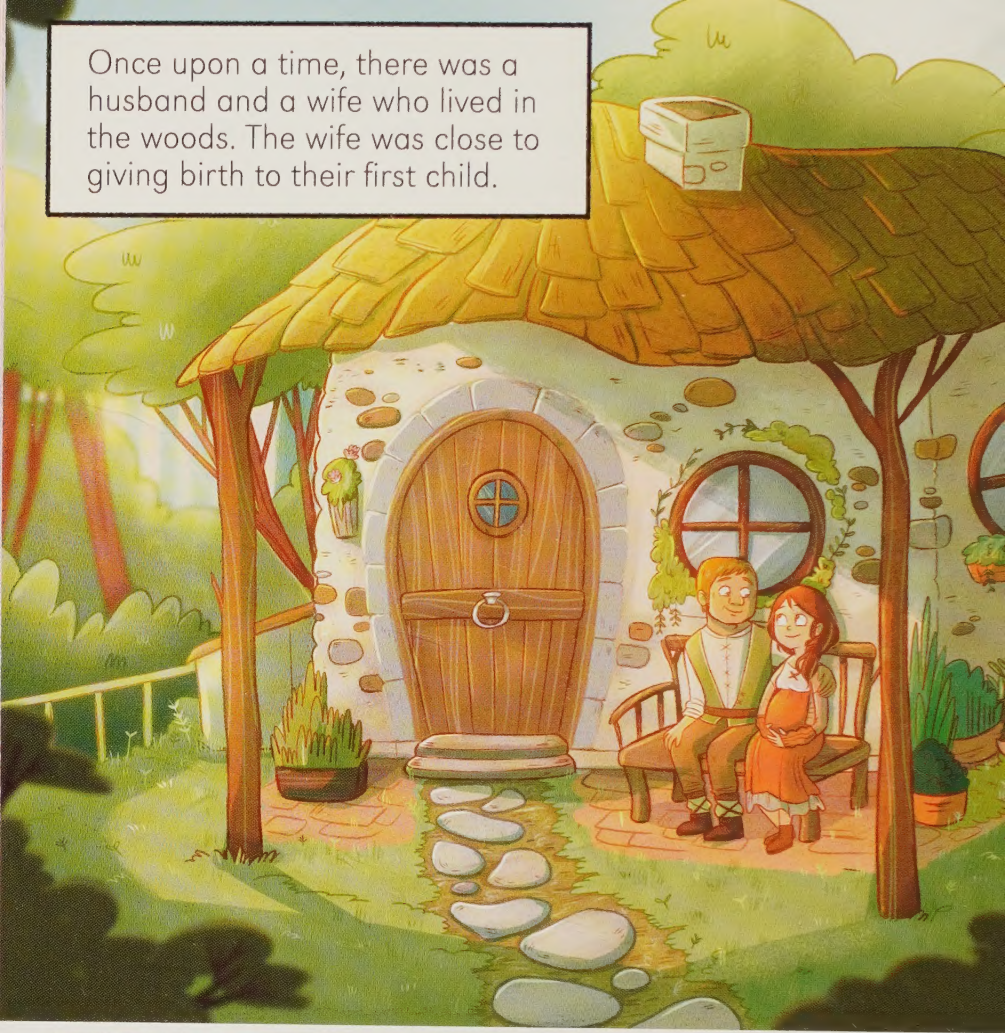


Read the word boxes and word balloons from left to right as well. Don't forget the sound and action words in the pictures.



The pictures and the words work together to tell the whole story.

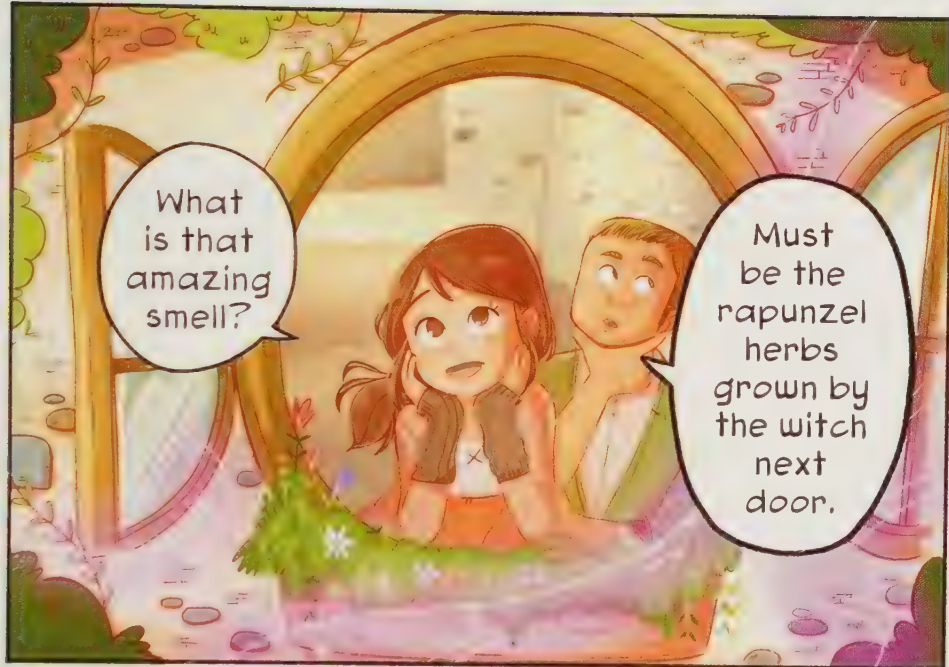
Once upon a time, there was a husband and a wife who lived in the woods. The wife was close to giving birth to their first child.



Dear wife, the baby needs food.

The wife did not feel well.

Nothing tastes good.

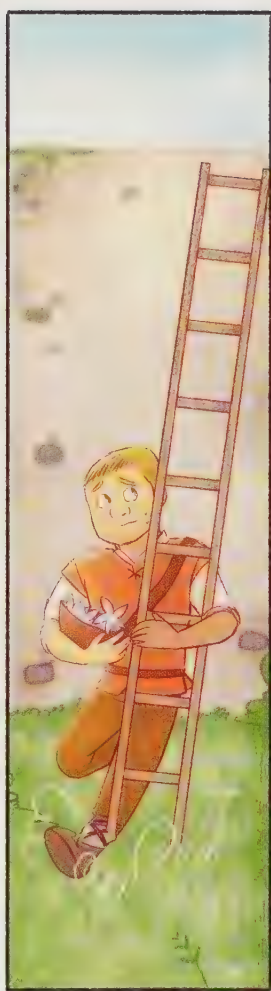


As time passed, the wife did not get better.

What can I do?

I think that rapunzel will cure me.

It's my last hope.







The rapunzel saved the wife's life. But the new family's happiness was short-lived.

What a beautiful baby. Give her to me.

No! You can't have her!

I... I'm sorry. I promised.

The witch had always wanted a daughter.

I will call her Rapunzel.

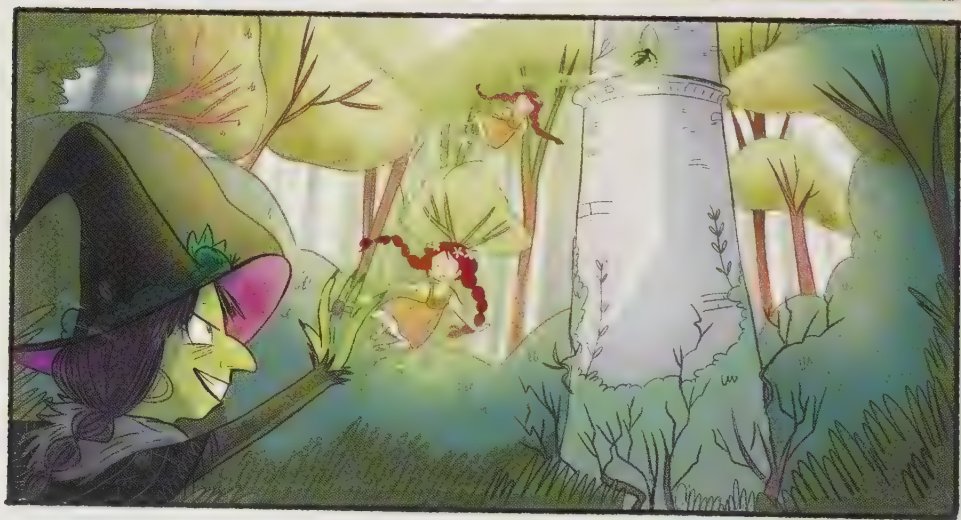
Time passed. Rapunzel grew into a beautiful child.

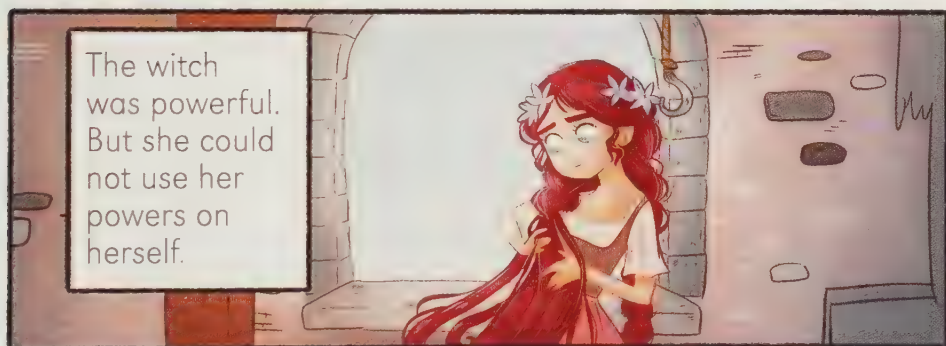


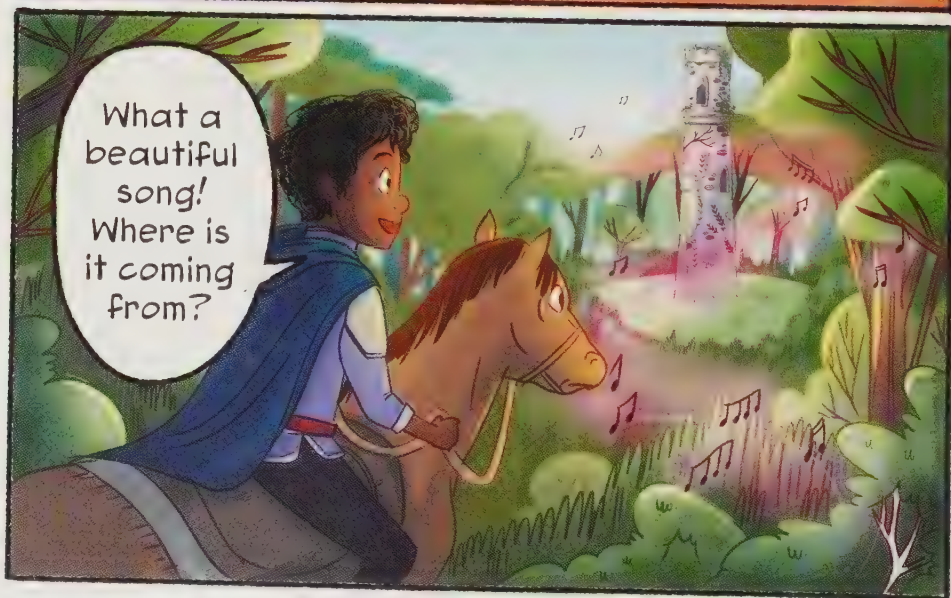
The beautiful child grew into a beautiful young woman. The magical plants in the witch's garden gave her hair unnatural health.



The witch wanted to keep Rapunzel for herself. She knew something had to be done.









The next day ...

Rapunzel!
Let down
your hair!



Oh my! Who
are you?

I heard
your
singing. I
wanted to
meet you.

A boy with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a blue shirt and a dark blue cape, sits on a wooden chair. He is looking at Rapunzel. Rapunzel, with long red hair and a green skirt, sits on another wooden chair, looking back at him. They are in a room with a pinkish-red background.

Why are you here by yourself?

Rapunzel told him about the witch.

The boy and Rapunzel are sitting on their chairs, facing each other. The boy is looking at Rapunzel with a concerned expression. Rapunzel is looking down with a sad expression.

I miss the outdoors. I want to have friends.

I could help you escape.

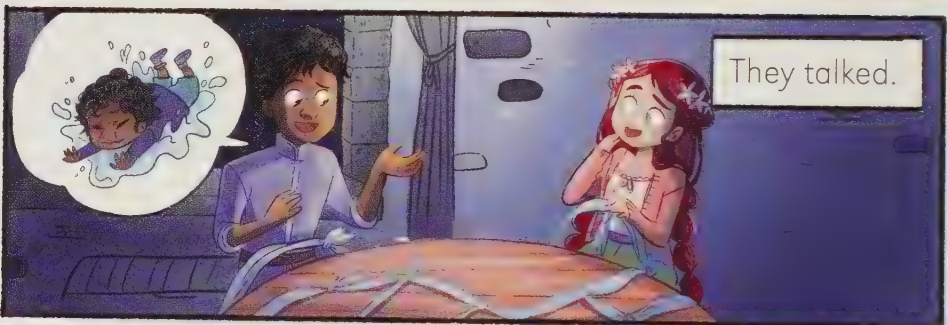
Rapunzel is sitting on a ledge, looking out a large arched window at night. A full moon is visible in the dark sky. She has a hopeful expression. A blue cloth is draped over the side of the ledge.

Come tomorrow night after the witch has gone. Bring cloth, so I can make a ladder.

Night after night, the prince returned to help Rapunzel.



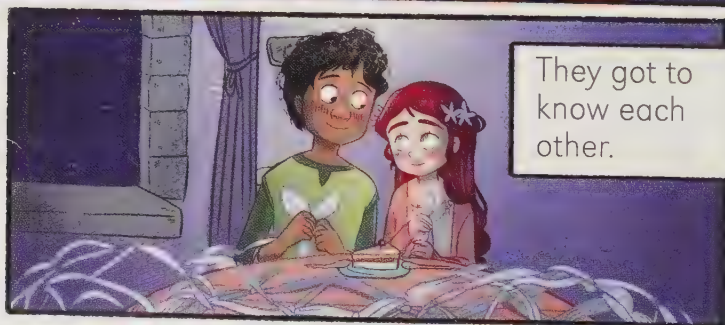
They talked.



They played games.



They got to know each other.





Rapunzel,
Rapunzel, let
down your
hair.



WHAT?
WHAT
PRINCE!?

The witch yelled at Rapunzel for hours. Finally...

I tried to keep you safe. But you disobeyed me.



You think you don't need me? Fine! Get out!





Where should I go? I don't even know where the prince lives.



The ladder will be finished tonight. Rapunzel will be free!



Rapunzel!
Let down your hair!

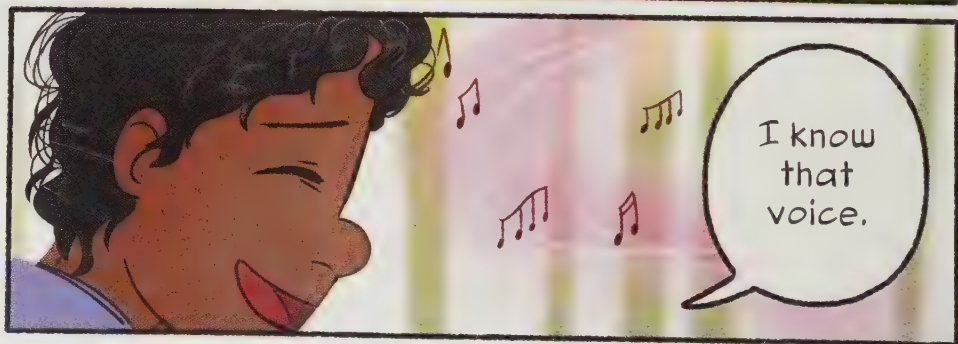




The prince didn't know what to do. He was lost without his eyesight and Rapunzel.



He wandered the forest for what seemed like forever. Until ...





Prince!

Rapunzel!



I . . . I can see! Your tears have healed me!



We will never be lonely again.

And they never were.

WRITING PROMPTS

1. What would you do to keep busy if you were locked in a tower? Make a list. Think of things you could do indoors and by yourself.
2. Write a story from the witch's point of view. How would you feel if one of your neighbors took something that belonged to you?
3. Pretend you are Rapunzel. Write a letter to a friend describing the people around you. How would you describe the prince? The witch? Tell your friend about life in the tower.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk to an adult about promises. Are there promises that are too big to keep? Is it okay to break some promises? How do you feel when you keep a promise?
2. Why do you think the prince wanted to help Rapunzel?
3. Have you ever been really hungry for something, like Rapunzel's mother was? Draw a picture of it. How did you feel when you finally got it?





LET DOWN YOUR HAIR

Rapunzel's hair was strong enough to hold a person. Could floss, embroidery thread, or yarn do the same thing? Find out which material is the strongest with this simple test.

WHAT YOU NEED:

- 1 foot- (0.3-meter)-long pieces of floss, embroidery thread, and yarn
- three heavy rocks of similar weight

WHAT YOU DO:

Step 1: Guess which material you think will be the strongest. Why? Write down your choice.

Step 2: Tie the floss around a rock. Make sure the rock is secure.

Step 3: Tie the thread around the second rock.

Step 4: Tie the yarn around the third rock.

Step 5: Measure the length of the floss, thread, and yarn. Write down your measurements.

Step 6: Gently pick up the loose end of the floss. Let the rock hang in the air.

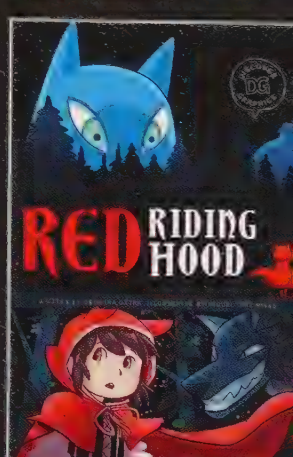
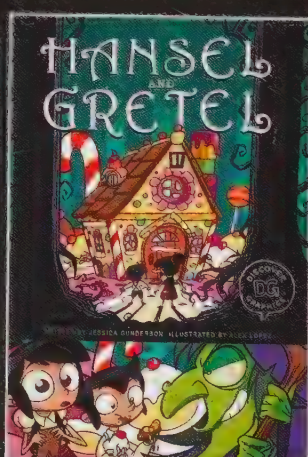
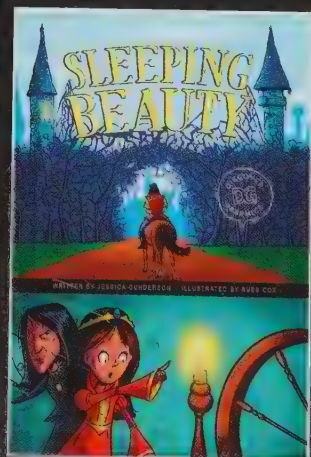
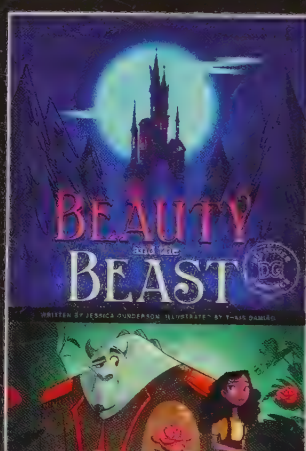
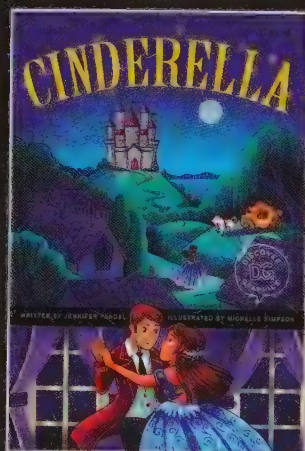
Step 7: Repeat step 6 with the thread, and then with the yarn. Did the floss, thread, or yarn break?

Step 8: If none broke, re-measure the lengths of the floss, thread, and yarn. The one that stretched the most is the weakest.





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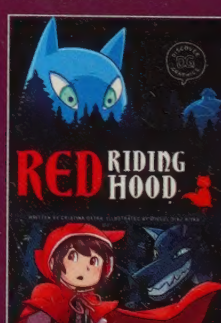
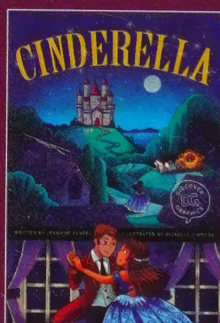
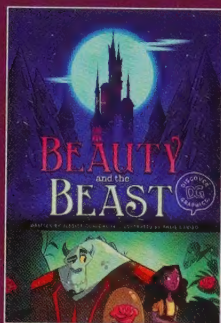


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